

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 527 without my signature.

I share the author's strong commitment to the early identification and treatment of children with autism spectrum disorders. However, the provisions of this bill can be accomplished administratively with funding from private, non-state general fund sources. In addition, given our state's ongoing fiscal challenges, it is not the time to be enacting new programs in statute.

I would encourage the author and sponsors to work directly with entities willing to fund this type of program.

For these reasons, I cannot support this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger